

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:

A child under eighteen years of age

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Docket Number: _____

Charge(s): _____

Felony Charge(s) and Tennessee Code Citation(s):

**ORDER FOR OUTPATIENT EVALUATION OF A CHILD
UNDER T.C.A. §37-1-128(e)(1)
AND NON-CUSTODIAL ASSESSMENT BY
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

This cause was heard on the ____ day of _____, 20____. It appeared to the court that there is reason to believe that the child has a mental illness and/or mental retardation and that it would be in the best interests of the child to undergo an evaluation to determine his or her mental status to assist the court in disposition of this case. To have a thorough and complete assessment, it is necessary to involve both a mental health care provider and the Department of Children's Services (DCS).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The child submit to an outpatient mental evaluation at _____
Mental Health Center.
2. The Youth Service Officer (YSO) shall contact the mental health agency and arrange for an appointment for evaluation and ensure that the child is transported to the agency for the examination. The YSO shall deliver a certified copy of this order to the appropriate individual at the agency.
3. The representative of the Department of Children's Services shall facilitate the gathering of information needed to accomplish a thorough assessment.
4. The examining professional conduct an evaluation and report to the court:
 - a. Whether the child has a mental illness or mental retardation;
 - b. Whether the child is subject to voluntary admission or involuntary commitment;
 - c. The type of care, training and treatment required to address identified mental illness or mental retardation;
 - d. In conjunction with the Department of Children's Services, make any recommendations for resources that might be available to provide such services.
5. The examining professional conduct an evaluation and report to the court:
(Check any that apply)
 - ____ a. Whether the child is competent to stand trial on the pending delinquency charge(s).
 - ____ b. The child's mental condition at the time of the alleged offense (for purposes of determining the availability of an insanity defense).
 - ____ c. Whether or not the child is addicted to or abuses alcohol and/or drugs.
 - ____ d. Other _____
6. The staff of the evaluating agency shall prepare and forward to the court a report which shall address all of the information set out above.

7. In the event that the examining professional determines that an outpatient evaluation cannot be completed on an outpatient basis, the examining professional shall notify the court and recommend the location for inpatient evaluation. To facilitate coordination of the responses from the evaluating agency and the Department of Children's Services, and to provide the court with complete information, the evaluating agency and the Department of Children's Services shall share all information or data in their possession on the child without a consent for release of information, including any information or data obtained from sources other than those referred to in this order. The evaluating agency and the Department of Children's Services are authorized to provide such information to any other provider, facility or program which might be recommended to the court as necessary for services to the child.
8. The Department of Children's Services shall immediately proceed with a non-custodial assessment to determine the need for TennCare Benefits and services provided by or accessed through the Department of Children's Services and shall report its findings to the Court within 30 days from date of this order. The representative of the Department of Children's Services shall meet with the family of the child as soon as is reasonable to assist in the application for TennCare benefits.
9. The evaluating agency shall notify the appropriate Behavioral Health Organization or other potential payor as soon as possible after determination of any treatment, care, training, or other services which are to be recommended to the Court.
10. If an evaluation is requested for a misdemeanor charge then the cost of the evaluation is the responsibility of the county in which the charges originated.

ENTERED this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Approved for Entry:

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JUDGE of Juvenile Court

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